

IDEA Maintenance of Effort FY 2010 Compliance Results Available

The Special Education Team is very pleased to announce the IDEA Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Compliance Report and Exceptions software is now available to local educational agencies (LEAs) through the Special Education Web Portal at <https://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/seportal/Pages/SignIn.aspx>.

Compliance with IDEA's MOE requirement includes testing an LEA's local / state special education expenditures for two consecutive fiscal years. LEAs that fail to comply with MOE must submit exceptions to DPI through the IDEA MOE Compliance Report and Exceptions software.

Based on the current expenditure data, almost half of Wisconsin LEAs are failing to comply with IDEA's MOE requirements. To come into compliance, LEAs must submit either exception data or tracked expenditures that were funded with freed-up funds under the MOE 50% rule. **This information must be submitted through the web-based MOE Compliance Report and Exceptions software by December 3, 2010.**

The MOE Compliance Report and Exception software is accessed through the Special Education Web Portal. All individuals who have access to the LEA's IDEA budgets will see "IDEA Maintenance of Effort" in the Applications table on the Local Performance Plan Main Menu page.

Available Technical Assistance

- A new IDEA Maintenance of Effort guide is available at www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/pdf/idea-moe-guide.pdf. Instructions specific to using the MOE Compliance Report and Exception software can be viewed at www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/pdf/moe-4-compliance.pdf.
- A webinar on reporting MOE exceptions will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 10. Register for this webinar at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/191083267>. The recorded webinar will be available on the IDEA Budget Technical Assistance website after this date (www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/lpp-budgets.html).
- On Tuesday, November 16, during the 10:30 a.m. sectional at the State Superintendent's Conference on Special Education & Pupil Services Leadership Issues, Lori Ames (School Financial Services Team, DPI) and Rachel Zellmer (Special Education Team, DPI) will present on IDEA maintenance of effort. The session will examine the School Financial Services team's processing of the annual special education reports, which generate special education state categorical aid and also play a major role in determining an LEA's compliance with IDEA fiscal monitoring requirements. The new web-based IDEA maintenance of effort compliance report will also be demonstrated. The audience will gain knowledge of the relationship between state funding mechanisms and federal grant requirements and the importance of collaboration at the district level between special education program staff and the business office.

We hope you find the MOE Compliance Report and Exceptions software easy to navigate. If you experience any issues while reporting exception data, please contact Rachel Zellmer at 608-266-1787.